

DR. W. R. WHERRITT

Dr. W. R. Wherritt was the youngest of a family of five sons. He was born at Pleasant Hill, Mo., Dec., 16, 1875. After being graduated from the Kansas City School of Medicine in 1898 he was faced with the problem, "where to locate." Two of the older brothers were living in Park City and they wished him to join them and help make a home for their widowed mother, which he did. He came to Park City, then on to Heber Valley to visit the hot pots. He liked Heber and decided to remain.

Dr. Wherritt married Emma Hatch in September 1900. Their two sons became fine doctors. Their daughter married Dean Todd of Heber.

All the hardships of rural practice before electricity or improved roads were endured by Dr. Wherritt. He went through all the trials of lack of trained help. One New Year's Eve he was lost in a blizzard between Charleston and Heber. His horse refused to face the storm and wandered around in a circle. There were no fences or land marks. Eventually he got his directions and was able to make his visit and return home.

Dr. Wherritt loved his profession, the faithful horses that served him well and his dogs. He loved dearly this beautiful valley and its people. The mountains were a source of strength—he often quoted, "I lift up mine eyes to the hills, whence cometh my strength." Another of his favorite quotations was, "Make the work that you do the play that you love."

He was in his 49th year of practice of medicine in Wasatch County when he died suddenly of a heart attack on November 4, 1924. He was a friend to everyone.